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REMARKS

Several references were recently cited in a foreign patent application related to the instant

U.S. patent application. The Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

with an Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 to bring these references to the

attention of the U.S. Patent Examiner. The Applicants also submit the above claim amendments

and additions to clarify that small amounts of impurities may be present in the claimed alloy.

The added claims are supported in the application as-filed. The disclosure references the

alloy having the normal level of impurities that results from the alloy forming process. See, for

example, page 7, which discloses having amounts of Cr and Ni at the impurity level, page 9,

which discloses having amounts of O and Si at the impurity level, and original claim 1. Thus, no

new matter is added.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficiency or credit any

overpayment associated with this application to Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman, LLP Deposit

Account No. 19-5127 (order no. 19378.0011).

The Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments and new claims, and

issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all claims. Should the Examiner feel further

communication would help prosecution, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at the

telephone number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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